



SkillsUSA Theme for 2007-08 School Year ***“Champions at Work”***

The SkillsUSA competition theme for the 2007-08 year is SkillsUSA: Champions at Work. This is the theme for the Chapter Display, Prepared Speech and Promotional Bulletin Board contests.

The topic to be addressed by contestants in these events is how our theme SkillsUSA: Champions at Work relates to our national program of work in the area of the **SkillsUSA Championships**.

Within this topic, contestants might illustrate or discuss any of the following:

- How the SkillsUSA Championships motivates students to be the best they can be in their technical skill development and personal/ professional development.
- How the SkillsUSA Championships provides an opportunity for students to participate in timed and judged industry-based competitions where they can practice technical skills, teamwork, team building, creativity and management.
- How SkillsUSA increases productivity by cultivating a highly skilled and knowledgeable work force to meet 21st century needs.
- How the SkillsUSA Championships is the national-level competition for public high school and college/postsecondary technical students enrolled in trade, technical, and skilled service profession instructional programs including allied health occupations.
- How SkillsUSA organizes this event, and it is considered the single greatest day of industry volunteerism in America every year at an estimated cost of more than \$32 million.
- How SkillsUSA participation prepares each member for entry into the work force.
- How each SkillsUSA Championships national contestant is a state-level gold medalist, demonstrating excellence in career and technical education.
- How the SkillsUSA Championships has more than 5,000 competitors in more than 85 hands-on skill and leadership contests.
- How SkillsUSA represents 130 different occupational areas affiliated instructional programs.

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